

WLOV NEWSLETTER

APRIL 23, 2017

Message from your president

My goals for these newsletters are to inform WLOV members about upcoming events and club news, and offer general items of interest to writers. This month we present a new feature: a list of upcoming writing-related events in and around The Villages, including several in Altamonte Springs (an hour from here) sponsored by Florida Writers Association.

Beginning on Page 5 you'll find a description of four different "book catalogues" for Villages authors. Two are for WLOV members, one is for members of Writers 4 Kids, and another is for *all* published authors who live in TV. Also check out "Author Want Ads." From time to time I get emails from members asking me to send out a request or notice to our entire club. Blast emails for each such request are not practical, so the ads will appear in the newsletter one time, and then archived on the web site, www.wlov.org. Find them under the heading "WLOV Want Ads" (<http://wlov.weebly.com/wlov-want-ads.html>). Under this heading you will also find the Amazon Book Exchange requests.

Among other features in this month's edition are a review of Strunk and White's classic tome *The Elements of Style*, and a new Author Quiz: "Where Did They Live?" As always, let me know if you have ideas you would like to see developed for the newsletter.

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Upcoming Writing-related Events

(*Details for April events are in March newsletter. Go to www.wlov.org, then click on Newsletters)

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>WLOV & Other Local</u> | <u>FWA (www.floridawriters.net)</u> |
|----------------|---|---|
| *Fri, April 28 | Patricia Charpentier Workshops Morning & Afternoon Laurel manor Rec Center | |
| *Fri, April 28 | Author Wendy Wax: "Meet & Greet" Pimlico Recreation Center 6 to 8 pm | |
| Sat, April 29 | | Novel in a Day, with Vic diGente 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs 350 S. Northlake Blvd, Orlando FL 32701 |
| Sat, April 29 | | Focus on Character-Driven Stories Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs 350 S. Northlake Blvd, Orlando FL 32701 |
| Wed, May 3 | WLOV Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30, Laurel Manor Rec Center Speaker - Rita Boehm "Marketing via Social Media" | |
| Thurs, May 4 | Veterans' Stories: Silent Heroes; Marine Corps Recon Rangers Presented by WLOV member Rick Greenberg Sumter County Veterans Offices, Room 102 7375 Powell Road (Pinellas Plaza), 3:30 to 5:00 pm. General public is invited. Short bio & description at: http://sumterpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar | |
| June 24 | | Focus on Marketing Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs 350 S. Northlake Blvd, Orlando FL 32701 |
| Fri, Oct 6 | Novel in a Day, with Vic diGente Laurel Manor Rec Center (See also April 29; details soon) | |
| Thurs, Oct 19 | | Celebrity Workshop Presented by David Morrell, author of <i>First Blood</i> , which was made into the Hollywood blockbuster <i>Rambo</i> . Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs 350 S. Northlake Blvd, Orlando FL 32701 |
| October 19-22 | | 16th Annual Florida Writers Conference Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs 350 S. Northlake Blvd, Orlando FL 32701 |

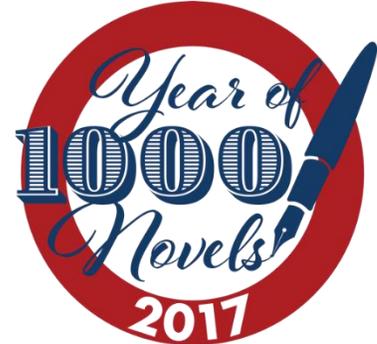


NaNoWriMo Millard Johnson looking for volunteers

We need your help.

The Writers League of the Villages is considering sponsoring a NaNoWriMo initiative in The Villages. National November Writing Month is an international community writing event now in its 18th year. This year about 500,000 people will attempt to write a 50,000 word novel during the month of November. The novel must be started and completed within that month.

Our Villages program will be called Year of 1000 Novels. To pull it off, we need volunteers to act as Member Liaisons (MLs). Most of the participants in NaNoWriMo are not active writers. MLs will help new writers prepare for their novel writing. Prior to November, MLs will answer questions and provide workshops. During November MLs will coordinate write-ins, and provide web-based encouragement. After November MLs will plan and attend a party for "winners," i.e., all those who entered and completed a novel.



We are particularly interested in recruiting MLs who will work with school students and writers outside The Villages. Former NaNo participants are especially encouraged to volunteer.

To learn more about NaNoWriMo go to: <http://nanowrimo.org>

If you are willing to volunteer please email me at: zendog3@mac.com

WLOV Author Want Ads

These ads will appear initially in the newsletter, and be archived over to the web site, www.wlov.org.

Mark Newhouse

WANT TO HAVE FREE PUBLICITY FOR YOU OR YOUR NEW BOOK?

Contact me and I will gladly consider featuring you in my new monthly WRITING BUG column in VILLAGE NEIGHBORS magazine, mailed to most Villager homes. [352-753-3290](tel:352-753-3290) or mark@newhouse.net.

Don Canaan

If you would like to contribute a guest blog on a subject of interest to our viewers, www.TimeWeaverMedia.com, I would be happy to promote your book or website. At the conclusion of your short article or blog, please include your book or web site information. We will provide a hyperlink to that information. For additional information, please call (407-558-3766) or e-mail me (dcanaan4@gmail.com).

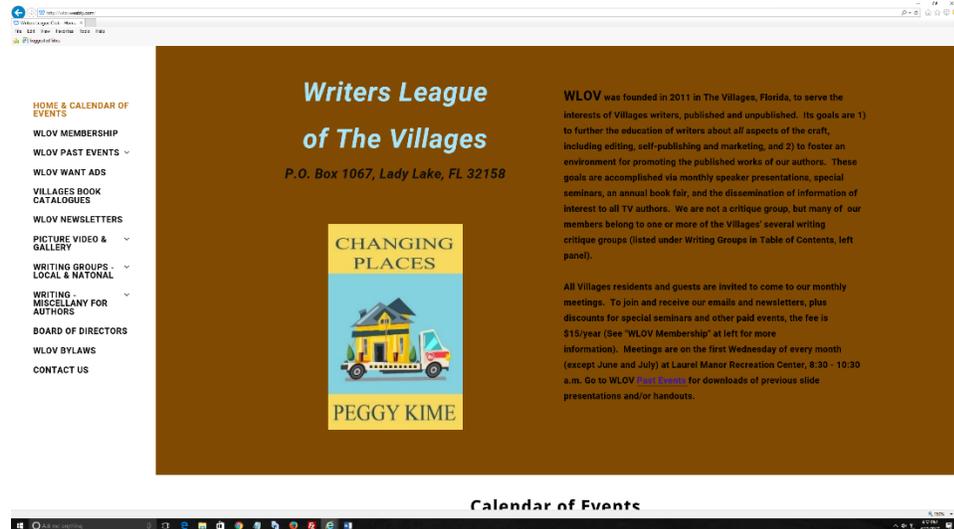
Linda Chapman

I'm looking for a compassionate, patient person I can hire to work with me to rewrite my original book Beyond the Eyes of God. Looking for a person that can edit and give views that would be helpful to enhance the book. This is a childhood story of sexual and emotional abuse. I hope there's someone out there that can help me out with this. Prefer a female. Thank you, Linda Chapman (jazzyjunk62@yahoo.com)

2018 Central Florida Book and Author Expo

WLOV has just have received official approval for the 2018 Central Florida Book and Author Expo, to be held in Eisenhower Rec Center Saturday, January 27, 2018. Those of you who participated this past January know it was a very successful event, thanks to the hard work of Expo Chairman Mark Newhouse and his Expo team. More good news: Mark has agreed to be the chairman again for Expo '18. Save the date.

Update on www.wlov.org



We continue to improve the WLOV website, www.wlov.org. The Table of Contents is now more coherent, making items easier to find, such as past newsletters, Villages book catalogues (see next page) and a list of local critique groups. The home page (top portion, above) displays a brief history of WLOV, a rotating slide show of members' book covers, and a Calendar of Events. As always, if you think something important should be added, please let me know (drlarry437@gmail.com).

New Yorker Cartoon



Book Catalogues for Villages Authors – How They Differ

There are four local book catalogues for Villages Authors: two for WLOV members, one for Children’s authors of the W4K club, and one for *all* Villages authors. Here’s a rundown.

NAME: WLOV AUTHORS AND THEIR BOOK TITLES

| Author | BOOK TITLES | Author Websites |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| David A. Bassett | Seven Sparrows (Poetry) | Coming Soon |
| Donna Beard [aka Jenny D. Beard] | Higher Up the Mountain (Historical Fiction) | Website |
| Tom Bender | Run for RI (A YA Novel); Cemetery Plot (Murder Mystery). Both have won FWA Royal Palm Literary Awards. | Website |
| Christie Seiler Boeke | Whispering Oaks: A Time Remembered; Yesteryears; Shifting Time; Pages of Time; Footprints in Time (Historical Romance) | Website |
| Don Canaan | Fiction: <i>Daddy's Girl</i> ; <i>Liz Roberts Prequel</i> ; <i>Pretty Little Girl</i> ; <i>Liz Roberts Mystery #1</i> ; <i>Dedicated Doctor</i> or <i>Baby Broker</i> ; <i>Liz Roberts Mystery #2</i> ; <i>Miss Rainbow</i> and <i>the Magic Teapot</i> (children); <i>2021: A Speed-Out Odyssey</i> (YA); <i>A Giant Shadow</i> (children); <i>Wayward Pines: An Unauthorized Guide</i> // Non Fiction: <i>Horror in Hocking County</i> ; <i>Jews in Prison</i> ; <i>Family Trees Have Strong Roots</i> ; <i>The Bronx Boy Discovers Invisible Ink</i> ; <i>Animal Secrets: We're Not the Only Ones</i> ; <i>P. Henry's Columbus Who...</i> ; <i>The Cracker Barrel</i> ; <i>Easy Ways to Remove Mold and Mildew</i> ; <i>How to Choose a Perfect Automobile Mechanic</i> ; <i>NBC News' Squirrel Memoirs</i> ; <i>Secrets of Selling</i> (An Authors Best Interview) // Audio Books: <i>Horror in Hocking County</i> ; <i>Dedicated Doctor</i> ; <i>Dedicated Doctor or Baby Broker</i> // Videos: <i>Reasonable Doubt</i> ; <i>Horror in Hocking County</i> ; <i>Beyond the Eyes of God</i> (Memorial); <i>Twisted</i> (Mystery); Chapter Book Series with Mary Lois Sanders: <i>The Adventures of Friedlieb & Slurp</i> ; <i>Best Friends Forever</i> - Book One; <i>A New Home in Melon Patch</i> - Book Two; <i>Down the Drain</i> - Book Three; <i>Lily</i> - Book Four; <i>True Friends Are Hard to Find</i> - Book Five. (Fantasy adventure Chapter Book: 1st - 3rd Grades); <i>Mag Zita: A Cautionary Tale for Adults</i> ; <i>Rufus Riverbend Riley</i> (Story book for 1st - 3rd Grades). | Website |
| Linda Chapman | <i>The Adventures of Friedlieb & Slurp</i> ; <i>Best Friends Forever</i> - Book One; <i>A New Home in Melon Patch</i> - Book Two; <i>Down the Drain</i> - Book Three; <i>Lily</i> - Book Four; <i>True Friends Are Hard to Find</i> - Book Five. (Fantasy adventure Chapter Book: 1st - 3rd Grades); <i>Mag Zita: A Cautionary Tale for Adults</i> ; <i>Rufus Riverbend Riley</i> (Story book for 1st - 3rd Grades). | Website |
| Jackie Chase | <i>Traveler's Handbook: All Hands Working Together: 100 People to Meet</i> ; <i>Grapple-Neck Cat</i> ; <i>Walking to Wood</i> (Nonfiction/Travel) | Website |
| Lindsay Collier | <i>Living Your Retirement Dreams & Growing Young in The Villages: How to Live Happily Ever After</i> ; <i>Surviving the Loss of Your Loved One</i> ; <i>Organizational Mental Files: How to Squeeze Your Organization's Thinking Juices</i> ; <i>Add a Little Humor to Your Life</i> ; <i>Add a Little Life to Your Humor</i> ; others. | Amazon |
| Leigh Court | <i>Fear of Flying</i> (Contemporary Romance); <i>The Bet</i> ; <i>The Changeling</i> ; <i>Conqueror Vanquished</i> (Historical Romances) | Website |
| Dakota Douglas (Linda Richards) | ANTICA: <i>Wolf: A Boy's Best Friend</i> (Children's Fiction) | Website |
| Dayle Finn | <i>The Magic Mouse Gull</i> (Children's Story book) | Web Page |
| Don Canaan & Shawn Graves | <i>Dutiful Daughter</i> ; <i>Horror in Hocking County</i> (The Audiobooks) | Website |
| Helga Godfrey | <i>WWII Diary of a German Soldier</i> (Historical/Military) | Coming Soon |
| Susan Golder | <i>Once Around the Lake</i> (Children's PB) | Website |
| Richard Greenberg | <i>Silent Heroes: A Recon Marine's Vietnam War Experience</i> (Military Historical Action Adventure) | Website |

URL: www.wlov.org (See under “Villages Book Catalogues”)

YEAR BEGAN: 2012

WHO FOR: WLOV members with published books

DESCRIPTION: Titles only, of all books by each member, along with single website link of member’s choosing

HOW TO SUBMIT: Send listing to Mary Lois Sanders (mary.lois.sanders@att.net)

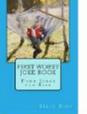
NAME: BOOKS BY WLOV MEMBERS PUBLISHED IN 2016 and 2017

Books by WLOV members published in 2016 and 2017

Authors are listed in alphabetical order as published in the February 2017 newsletter. Books received since then begin on page 7 (to April 14, 2017) by WLOV authors Don Canaan, George Erickson, Wilma Fleming and Don Kisebold. F = fiction, NF = non-fiction. For primary audience, C = children, YA = young adult, A = adult. To get to Amazon for any book, simply click on the link. (If that doesn't work, hover over the hyperlink with your mouse or mouse pointer, then right-click and select "Open Wotlink in In-browser.") If you published a book in 2016-2017 and it is not listed here, send me the information and I'll put it in the next newsletter (dlarry437@gmail.com).



Jenny D. Beard (Donna Beard), *A Leaf From the Wisdom Tree* (F, A)
http://www.amazon.com/Leaf-Wisdom-Tree-Jenny-Beard/dp/1726048949/ref=ast_spldid_sc_11/10609490-1-1
<https://www.wlovs.com/leaf-wisdom-tree-jenny-beard/>
 A continuation of Jenny D. Beard's saga, *Higher Up the Mountain*, in that elderly Edith Balan regales her guests about mysterious deaths and dreamy sex that took place in the early 1900's. Before beginning her story, Edith relates the cloak and dagger life of her young neighbor, pretty Debbie Van Buren, who has come into possession of a satchel during a one-night affair. The heavy satchel causes Debbie to watch her back at all times.



Steve Burt, *Dumb Jokes for Kids* series (First, Second, Third, and Fourth Worst Joke Book) (N, C)
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B014914810>
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<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B014914810>
 Keywords: Dumb Jokes for Kids, N, C, Burt



Rita Boehm, *Beyond Second Chances* (F, A)
<http://www.amazon.com/Beyond-Second-Chances-Rita-Boehm/dp/1531982448>
 In this exciting sequel to *Second Chances*, Lindsay Talbot is faced with a difficult choice: travel to a poverty-stricken, terrorist-filled, Arab country to save the life of the man she loves, or leave his father to chance. She makes her choice and pays the price. However, as Lindsay recognizes from a violent assault much closer to home, she is confronted with a devastating betrayal - and faces an uncertain future.



Steve and Joby Burt, *Publish Your Book Free: Step-By-Step Beginner's Guide to CREATE, PUBLISH, Promote-Demand Publishing* (NF, A)
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B014914810>
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B014914810>
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B014914810>
 2017 Florida Book Festival Award silver Best How-to and 2017 New England Book Festival Award bronze Best How-to



Christian Story for Children

URL: www.wlov.org (See under “Villages Book Catalogues”)

YEAR BEGAN: 2017

WHO FOR: WLOV members with published books

DESCRIPTION: Catalogue with cover pictures and short blurb of books published in 2016 and 2017, plus link to Amazon; includes re-issues in new formats

HOW TO SUBMIT: Send listing to dlarry437@gmail.com, with cover image, Amazon link and short blurb (<50 words)

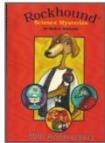
NAME: W4K Book Catalogue

CHILDREN'S and YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

By Villages Authors
Available on Amazon.com
www.writers4kids.com



Mark Newhouse, *Welcome to Monstrovia*
Hilarious, baffling mystery in land of monsters and fictional characters. Teen hero and strange uncle in fast-moving page turner that makes children laugh while they learn about the fascinating world of lawyers and law. \$10



Mark Newhouse, *Rockhound Science Mysteries* (collection)
Mystery/fantasy
Learning Magazine Teachers Choice Award
Catch crazy crooks with fun experiments (e.g. making ice pops), 9 mysteries. Bks 1-3 are \$6 each; Set \$12 CD \$5.00



Paul Garneau Clark, *The Buried Papers*
Fictional Adventure
Three young cousins share an adventure with Grandma and Grandpa when they discover college test answers buried in a cave. \$5



Paul Garneau Clark, *The Lost Talisman*
Fictional Adventure
Three young cousins find themselves living with Dakota Indians along the Minnesota River in 1757. They must learn about a Dakota carving in order to return home to their own time. \$10



Allennita C. Cooks, *Grandfather Tree* Picture book
A boy loves a tree and identifies its appearance with his grandfather. He asks the tree questions to see how much he and the tree are alike. \$12

URL: www.wlov.org (See under “Villages Book Catalogues”)

WHO FOR: Members of The Villages Writers 4 Kids Club (W4K)

YEAR BEGAN: 2016

DESCRIPTION: Includes author, book cover, blurb.

HOW TO SUBMIT: Members of W4K send title, blurb, cover photo to Mark Newhouse (mark@newhouse.net).

NAME: HOMETOWN READS, The Villages Section



URL: www.hometownreads.com

WHO FOR: All Villages Authors

YEAR BEGAN: 2017 for The Villages (website began listings for other cities in 2016)

DESCRIPTION: Includes book title, blurb, author bio, and link to amazon. Currently each author may submit up to 4 books. The screen shot below shows the information for one author's book.

HOW TO SUBMIT: Go to hometownreads.com and join; it's free.

Hometown **READS** BOOKS ABOUT JOIN LOGIN FAQ CONTACT | f t

FreeK Week
Steve Burt | The Villages, Florida

Grand prize winner of the 2015 Florida Book Festival Awards. Set primarily in Cassadaga, Florida and secondarily in The Villages and Ocala. Teens with psychic and paranormal abilities solve murder mysteries. Third in the FreeKs series (FreeK Camp and FreeK Show are the previous novels). The series has won 4 Mom's Choice Awards. Ages 9 through and including adult. Teen characters, adult reading level.

About Steve Burt (The Villages, Florida Author)

Retired New England minister with over 30 books. Teaches the course Publish Your Book Free at Lifelong Learning College in The Villages, FL. Author of the 4-book Dumb jokes for kids series, the Bram Stoker Award-winning Stories to Chill the Heart series, the FreeKs psychic teen detectives series (30 international awards), numerous bestselling church leadership books, and Christmas Soup for the Soul (Florida Book Festival Award for Best Holiday Book), 10 New England Book Festival Awards.
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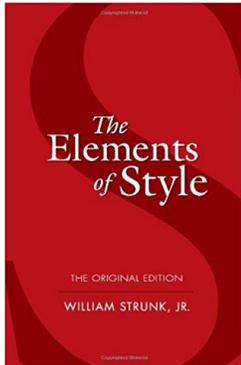
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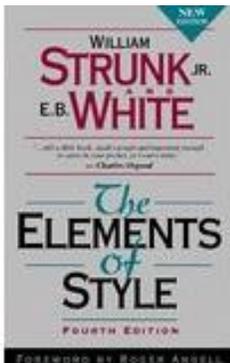
Books on Writing – The Classics (continued)

By Larry Martin



In last month's newsletter I wrote about Steven King's book *On Writing*, my favorite 'how-to' book on writing. There are many other books on writing but only a few, like King's, can fairly be called classics. One of these is without doubt Strunk and White's *The Elements of Style*. The book was originally written by William Strunk, Jr., in 1918, and privately published for use at Cornell, where he taught English. It was then published by Harcourt, in 1920. According to Wikipedia, it was comprised of eight "elementary rules of usage," ten "elementary principles of composition," "a few matters of form," a list of 49 "words and expressions commonly misused," and a list of 57 "words often misspelled." This original work, cover shown at left, is available for \$3 on Amazon Kindle.

Strunk died in 1946. Elwyn Brooks ("E.B.") White had been a pupil of his in 1919, and in the 1950s, while at *The New Yorker*, became reacquainted with the manual. Macmillan subsequently commissioned White to revise *The Elements* for a 1959 edition, which was published as *The Elements of Style*, by Strunk and White. The first edition sold approximately two million copies in 1959. Since then more than 10 million copies have been sold. *Time magazine* named it one of the 100 best and most influential books written in English since 1923. Below is the cover of the 4th edition (2000).



In *On Writing* Stephen King states: "There is little or no detectable bullshit in that book. (Of course, it's short; at eighty-five pages it's much shorter than this one.) I'll tell you right now that every aspiring writer should read *The Elements of Style*. Rule 17 in the chapter titled Principles of Composition is "Omit needless words." I will try to do that here."

The 4th edition divides the contents into the same categories as 1918, plus a new one added by White when he took over: "An Approach to Style." This section is, from my perspective, the most interesting. A few quotes:

- Write with nouns and verbs, not with adjectives and adverbs.
- Do not overstate. A single overstatement, wherever or however it occurs, diminishes the whole, and a single carefree superlative has the power to destroy, for readers, the object of your enthusiasm.
- Do not overwrite. Rich, ornate prose is hard to digest, generally unwholesome, and sometimes nauseating...when writing with a computer, you must guard against wordiness...It is always a good idea to reread your writing later and ruthlessly delete the excess.
- Make sure the reader knows who is speaking.
- Revise and rewrite. Revising is part of writing. Few writers are so expert that they can produce what they are after on the first try.

Well, you get the point. 85 pages packed full of stuff we should all know -- and practice. If only...

(If you have a favorite how-to book on writing, send me the title with a paragraph explaining why you like it, and I'll put it in the next newsletter. Next month I will discuss another classic – a book on writing non-fiction.)

Where did they live?

Quiz – 25 Authors and Their Locations

By Larry Martin

For this quiz, match the author with his or her “writing hometown.” This quiz covers some of the more commonly-visited locales generally associated with the author. If the author lived in several locations, preference is given to one that includes a museum dedicated



to his/her life (left: Thomas Wolfe home/museum; right: Hemingway home/museum).

If there's no museum, then choose based on where they did most of their writing (or wrote the seminal work for which they are most famous). Some authors may be claimed by more than one location, e.g. Ernest Hemingway



and Mark Twain. Hemingway is perhaps most famous (location-wise) for his association with Key West, but I am listing another location from his earlier life, where there is a Hemingway museum (shown in photo above). Mark Twain is most famously associated with Hannibal, MO, but he did no fiction writing there, so the correct location for him is someplace else. Each location is used at least once, and four of them are correct for more than one author. (Answers at www.wlov.org under “Writing – Miscellany For Authors.”) Although not part of this quiz, the next page shows three famous-author houses open to the public. Do you know who lived in them? One of the houses is close to The Villages.

Author

Isaac Asimov –
Saul Bellow –
Pat Conroy –
William Faulkner –
Robert Frost –
John Grisham –
Joel Chandler Harris –
Ernest Hemingway –
Carl Hiassen –
Harper Lee –
Herman Melville –
Margaret Mitchell –
Flannery O'Connor –
Edgar Allen Poe –
Anne Rice –
Ayn Rand –
Marjorie K. Rawlings –
James Thurber –
Mark Twain –
Harriet Beecher Stowe –
Carl Sandburg –
Danielle Steel –
Kurt Vonnegut –
August Wilson –
Thomas Wolfe –

Location

Ashville, NC
Atlanta
Baltimore
Beaufort, SC
Chicago
Columbus, OH
Cross Creek, FL
Flat Rock, NC
Indianapolis, IN
Miami
Milledgeville, GA
Monroeville, AL
New Orleans
New York City
Oxford, MS
Oak Park, IL
Pittsburgh, PA
Pittsfield, MA
San Francisco
Shaftsbury, VT

Open to the Public



Which writer lived here?



Who lived here?



And who lived here?

(Answers next month)